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second founder of the Middlesex Hospital is Edward Meyerstein, whose recent benefactions towards the relief of sickness have attained astronomical figures. At the Middlesex Hospital, too, the Cancer Wing was endowed by the Barnato and Joel families with a gift of £250,000.

The German Hospital in London was founded by Jonas Freund. Sir Edward Stern, himself a sufferer from deafness, devoted a large fortune to the relief of those in humble circumstances who suffer from the same affliction. Mention has been made already of the Evelina Hospital for Children, and of the Children's Hospital in Vincent Square, founded by members of the Rothschild and Mond families respectively.

Other benefactions have been spread more widely. Almost every London hospital has its "Zunz Ward", provided by R. S. Zunz in memory of his wife. The wide-spread donations of the late Bernhard Baron, unique both in scale and in method, are fresh in the public memory: among the charitable institutions which owe their existence to him being the new dispensary at Guy's Hospital. Baron de Hirsch, it is said, contributed to the London hospitals the entire winnings of his racing stable.

Apart from their natural and proper interest in general foundations, Jews have made it a point of pride to maintain institutions for the support of their own sick and poor. These, besides caring for a great many non-Jews, varying from 15 to 33 per cent of the total (for

there is no denominational restriction on admissions)
sometimes fulfil a public service in the wider sense.
Thus the Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital in Manchester
was one of the first in England to institute a later waking-hour for patients (7 a.m., instead of the conventional,
and sometimes harsh, 5 a.m.). It was the first hospital
in the country, too, to introduce a scheme whereby